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"Violence against women: Good practices in  
combating and eliminating violence against women"

Expert Group Meeting

Organized by: UN Division for the Advancement of Women  
in collaboration with:  
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Programme of Work

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**Tuesday 17 May**

**8:30 AM Registration**

**10:00 10:30 AM Welcome and introductions by DAW and UNODC**

**Plenary Sessions**

**Objectives:** To identify good practice examples in the implementation of the international legal and policy framework and highlight national initiatives to combat all forms of violence against women; to examine methods of assessing effectiveness of various initiatives/interventions to combat violence against women.

**Key Questions:** What are the barriers to the effective implementation of the international legal and policy framework for addressing violence against women and how can these barriers be overcome through good practices? Are there model good practices at the State and community level that can be replicated in multiple settings? What are the successes and challenges in State - civil society interaction on combating violence against women? How is the success or effectiveness of various initiatives to combat violence against women evaluated? What are the challenges in such evaluation?

**Note to presenters:** It is anticipated that all papers to be presented in plenary session will be circulated to participants approximately one week before the meeting. Please note that presentations in plenary should be strictly limited to **ten (10) minutes** and should focus on examples that have been effective in combating violence against women, and methods for assessing such effectiveness.

**10:30 1:00 PM Panel 1: Good practices general and institutional aspects**

***Presentations:***

Sally Goldfarb, USA: Good practices in the legal domain response of the justice sector to violence against women

Lori Michau, Uganda: Good practices in designing a community based approach to combat violence against women

Lisa Vetten, South Africa: Success and challenges of state-civil society interaction on violence against women and evaluation of strategies

Sheilah Kayangarara, Zimbabwe: Message targeting and differentiation as good practice examples

Hilary Fisher, Amnesty International Stop violence campaign: research, activism, advocacy, education, capacity building

*(Presentations will be followed by questions for clarification only)*

***Synthesis/Discussant:*** Charlotte Bunch

**1:00 2:30 PM Lunch**

**2:30 6:00 PM Panel 2: Good practice interventions in responding to violence against women in the home**

***Presentations:***

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**10:00 12:30 PM Morning session**

**Panel 3: Good practice interventions in responding to violence against women in the community**

Liz Kelly, U.K. Good practices in responding to sexual violence

Zarizana Abdul Aziz, Malaysia: The successes and challenges of the Joint Action Group Against Violence Against Women

Sapana Pradhan-Malla, Nepal: Good practices in combating sexual harassment in South Asian countries

Lepa Mladjenovic, Serbia, "Counseling victims of violence as a good practice example"



